

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:154, relative to the Open Roads Law; to provide relative to
3 motor vehicle fatalities; to provide for protocol when organs are to be transplanted
4 after a death in which a moving conveyance is involved; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:154 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §154. Removal of bodies

9 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, particularly but not limited to
10 R.S. 33:1562(B) or 1563(B)(3) when a death occurs in which a moving conveyance
11 is involved, the body of the deceased person shall not be disturbed from the position
12 in which it is found by any person without authorization from the coroner, or his
13 designee, except the investigating law enforcement agency may disturb the body in
14 order to obtain the identification of the deceased, preserve the body from loss or
15 destruction, or maintain the flow of traffic on a highway or railroad. ~~Notwithstanding~~
16 ~~any other law to the contrary, in any and all cases of death, when organs are to be~~
17 ~~used in a transplant, it is not mandatory that an additional physician, not a member~~
18 ~~of the transplant team, make the pronouncement of death.~~

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____